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BUSINESS MEN

WHO APPRECIATE PATRONAGE OF UNION MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ADVERTISE IN ORGANIZED LABORS' OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

UNION MEN

OF ALAMEDA COUNTY EARN SIX MILLION DOLLARS MONTHLY AND ARE SPENDING THEIR UNION WAGES AT HOME WITH FRIENDS OF LABOR.

JOURNAL LIGHTS

By FRANK BURKE

A Judge's Decision—

When a well known filipino club of San Francisco was raided a few weeks ago, several white girls and many filipinos were taken into custody. Judge Lazarus heard the testimony and said:

"This is a deplorable situation, and far more important than the matter before me. It is a dreadful thing when these filipinos, scarcely more than savages, come to San Francisco, work for practically nothing, and obtain the society of these girls. Because they work for nothing, decent white boys cannot get jobs."

Judge Lazarus is right, but he didn't go far enough—he should have mentioned about the japanese and chinese menace the workers must face in California—filipinos work cheap, but these japs work for practically nothing.

Did You Know That—

Not that it matters very much, but did you know . . . that the wealth of California in 1929 was estimated at $3,093 per capita . . . that there are 77,000 miles of highway in this state . . . that California produced 85 per cent of the country's grapes in 1933 . . . that California is the leading state in irrigation . . . that California is the second largest state in area and sixth in population . . . that this state occupies more than half the Pacific coast line of the United States . . . that we normally rank third in the value of our exports . . . that there are in California almost ten thousand trees exceeding ten feet in diameter. . . that illiteracy in this state decreased from 3.7 per cent in 1910 to 2.6 per cent in 1930 . . . that there are 35.8 persons to every square mile in California?

Tribute to Washington—

Scores of great men have contributed to the greatness of America, but among all these there is not one to dispute the place of George Washington as the father of his country.

Perhaps he never dreamed that a nation second to none in the history of the world would grow from the tiny seed he planted, and would pause on a day 204 years after his birth, to honor him as we are doing now.

But it was Washington, with his steadfast vision of a people free and united, who brought our country through that perilous period of infancy when it was fragile and might easily have broken to bits.

His courage in the face of physical danger first, it was, which saw us through the revolutionary war. Had he once quavered, America would have been doomed to become another Ireland, with a long, bloody struggle for independence lasting perhaps into the twentieth century.

His mental courage later held the states together in the confused days following the war., Had he given an inch then, there would be no great nation here today, but a conglomeration of petty principalities, some if not all merely colonies of European powers.

From before the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 until his death in 1799, Washington was the leader, the one staunch pillar supporting the genesis of America.

The nation pays tribute to him now, by observing the day of his birth, and by thinking of him as he truly was—the father of his country.

Yes, We Must Register—

It seems that there still prevails considerable confusion about registering to vote in California this year.

The registrar has reported that numerous citizens think all the shouting about having to sign up is wrong, and that the whole thing is a mistake.

It is easy to understand their misapprehension, and unjust to blame them. After all they were told when they registered before that the business was final, and they'd never have to do it again unless they went out of the state.

So they were told, then. However the last legislators nullified the permanent registration law and called for this new registration.

Some say that it is actually nothing more than a test of party strength. Other believe that it is necessary for the elimination of names on the rolls which are not quite "correct." Either way, though everyone must sign again this year in order to vote. There is no mistake about it.

One sure thing is that this will be one of the biggest turnouts in history for the primaries, and then the general presidential election later this year. And what an exciting political struggle it will be! You won't want to miss it.

Labor's Rights in Corporation Licensing Bill Detailed By Senator O'Mahoney

Claims Wealth Concentration and Millions of Small-Income Families Justify Federal Regulation Of Big Business.

A federal license law to bring big business under social control in the interest of the masses is a paramount necessity in our national life, declared Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney in a radio address in Washington, D. C., detailing the features of his bill now pending in the senate requiring corporations engaged in interstate business to secure licenses from the federal government.

Among the social phenomena emphasizing the importance of this legislation he cited the continued concentration of wealth and economic power in the hands of a few corporations through monopolistic control of industry and the existence of millions of families on incomes of less than $1,000 a year.

"There can be no proper consideration of this problem," Senator O'Mahoney said, "unless the mind understands and accepts the fundamental facts which constitute it. Let me ask you, therefore, if you do me the honor to listen to this discussion, to take the trouble to write down at this moment, if you will, two primary facts—facts, not opinions—which explain better than a thousand speeches could, what the trouble is with the United States at the present moment.

Low Income Families in 1929

"In 1929, before we had really experienced what we called the depression, 6,000,000 American families—families, not individuals—had incomes of less than a thousand dollars a year. Six million families at the height of our supposed prosperity were in such a desperate economic situation that they were compelled to subsist upon an income of less than $25 per week per family.

Wealth Concentration in Corporations

"Now the second item. In 1932, 392,000 corporations filed income tax returns with the United States bureau of internal revenue. The total assets reported by these corporations amounted to more than $280,000,000,000. More than 53 per cent of these assets thus reported by 392,000 corporations were owned by only 618 corporations, or less than five-tenths of 1 per cent of the total number in the United States making tax returns that year.

Few Rich, Many Poor

"There can be no dispute about these facts. Appalling poverty at one end of the scale, appalling wealth at the other; that was the economic picture of America before the crash. I do not attempt to place the blame for this condition upon any individual or group. I condemn no one. I only know that the situation thus described constitutes the problem America must solve if it is to endure as a free nation."

Expressing the "confident belief" that his bill "affords the basis upon which we may build an economic order in which increasing production and increasing employment will go hand in hand with economy in government," Senator O'Mahoney continued:

Includes Collective Bargaining

"It attempts, in some degree at least," he said," to meet directly the primary problem of our day—unemployment and the restoration of public purchasing power.

"It contains a bill of rights for labor, in that it provides that every corporation doing business among the states or with foreign nations shall agree not to employ child labor, not to discriminate against female employes and to recognize the right of collective bargaining.

"These are three propositions upon which there is no substantial disagreement. All political parties indorse them, but they are not made effective simply because there appears to be no constitutional method of enforcing them except through a national corporation law."

Economic Liberty Being Destroyed

"When you hear any person talk about liberty and its preservation," he added, "do not forget that there can be no political liberty without economic freedom.

"In a society in which millions are out of employment and dependent upon the government for their meals, though business and trade are humming; in a society in which the investor is without any effective voice in directing the use of his capital; in a society in which the consumer has no means of protecting himself against exploitation; in a society in which the control of the means of trade, industry and commerce have fallen into the hands of a steadily decreasing few, economic liberty is vanishing and political liberty is endangered."

Restoration of Mass Buying Power

"Modern industry," he concluded, "cannot continue to expand if the purchasing power of the masses continues to contract.

"This bill which I have introduced offers, I think, the way out, because it would stop the progressive concentration of wealth and economic power which is the essential obstacle to progress.

"By abolishing the corporate evils, which everybody condemns, but which nobody can prevent, because the states are powerless and the federal government is without statutory authority to act, it would free the nation from the economic shackles it now wears and open the gates to an economy of plenty.

"Production will be increased upon the farm and in the mill, the purchasing power of the masses will be restored, the unlimited resources of the greatest nation under the sun will again be made available for the happiness and prosperity of our people if only by the exercise of calm common sense we assert as a nation our constitutional power to require national charters for national commerce."

The federal licensing bill sponsored by Senator O'Mahoney is approved by the American Federation of Labor. It is hoped that congress will enact the measure into law during the present session.

Twenty Years For Thugs Who Killed Seattle Teamster

Having denied a motion for a new trial, Superior Court Judge E. D. Hodge at Tacoma has sentenced Peter Marinoff to twenty years in the Washington state penitentiary along with H. H. Hiatt, said to be Marinoff's right hand man in the hiring of gunmen guards during last summer's strike at the Marinoff Northwest Brewing company plant at Tacoma. Theodore Ferguson, admittedly the man who fired the shot which killed William ("Hoop") Usitalo, a member of Seattle Teamsters' Local 174, was sentenced to a year in Pierce county jail, as was also J. L. Hanford, whose sentence was suspended.

Usitalo was shot down on one of the main street corners of Tacoma by the guards in Marinoff's employ while he was driving a picket car peacefully following the car in which the Marinoff guards were riding, testimony at the trial showed.

In sentencing Marinoff and Hiatt the judge pronounced a bitter denunciation of "those who inspire crimes and hire men to commit them."

"The jury must have believed Peter Marinoff instigated this crime," Judge Hodge declared. "They must have believed H. H. Hiatt employed the others and obtained the weapons. . . . The man who hires them is more dangerous to society than the actual perpetrator. It does no good to punish the man for commission of the crime without punishing the man who inspired it."

The union label, shop card and button are the best accelerators of higher wages, shorter hours and better conditions.

Typo Progressives Choose Candidates At Sunday Meeting

Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 will meet Sunday in the Pacific building, 16th and Jefferson streets. At this meeting the membership will select candidates for the various international offices.

The progressive candidates backed by San Francisco and Oakland union members are:

President, Charles P. Howard; vice president, Claude M. Baker; second vice president, Francis G. Barrett; secretary-treasurer, Woodruff Randolph; delegates to A. F. of L., Jack Gill, Frank X. Martel, Frank Morrison, John Simons, William R. Trotter; agent union printers' home, Ira G. Gwinnup; trustees union printers' home, James H. Fairclough, J. Cliff Kane, William R. Lucas, Fred S. Walker.

Delegate to trades and labor congress, William B. Lowe; board of auditors, C. E. Tracy.

Members of the union have been asked by James Cross, president of the local progressive club to attend the meeting and endorse progressive candidates.

Green Warns of Inflation Peril

Striking at proposals being advanced in congress to inflate currency by printing greenbacks, President William Green of the A. F. of L., speaking for the federation's executive council, announced on Thursday that workers must safeguard their interests by insisting upon wage increases immediately.

"The deleterious effect of currency inflation upon the social and economic life of working people can only be offset by increases in wages and mass purchasing power throughout the nation," Green said.

The executive council, he said, regards agitation for inflation as of "grave importance to labor" because in operation means that living costs will be increased.

"Obviously," Green declared, "labor will be at a decided disadvantage if commodity prices increase and wages remain stationary at the depressed level to which they have been forced through the pursuit of a wage deflation policy. The buying power of the masses of the people has been greatly reduced through reductions in wages. It has already reached the point where the workers are unable to buy either in quantity or in frequency. If prices are to be driven upward through currency inflation the very limited buying power of the masses of the people will be further curtailed.

"As a matter of sound public policy, a swell as of justice, an increase in wages should precede an increase in commodity prices. Unless this is done the consuming power of the people will be lowered rather than increased through the adoption of a policy of currency inflation.

"We propose to call upon labor to begin the fight immediately for wage increases and to use such legitimate influence and power as may be at their command to bring about the restoration of the buying power of the masses of the people."

Floorlayers Elect Business Manager

Charles Eisen is the newly elected business representative of Floorlayers' Union, Local No. 1861. Eisen has been a constant attendant at the Building Trades Council meetings since his election.

The union meets every Friday evening at the labor temple.

Confirms Pension Board

The nomination of Lee M. Eddy, James A. Daily and Murray W. Latimer as members of the railroad retirement board were confirmed by the senate this week.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL!

Painters' Meeting Thursday, Feb. 27

Thursday evening, February 27, Painters' Union, Local No. 127, will hold a special called meeting in the labor temple to vote on document No. 114 submitted by general headquarters; a resolution to assess the membership 50 cents for non-attendance will be acted on also.

A resolution from the district council of painters, appointing two business representatives for the bay district, will be discussed at this meeting, according to Al Wahlberg, secretary.

Members are asked to attend.

Fulmer To Give Engineers Talk

Beginning Monday, in the Central Trades school, 12th and Jefferson streets, F. B. Fulmer of Engineers' Union No. 507, will open a class to members of the union on "general duties of an operating engineer."

Enrollment fee is $1.50, including lessons and instructions twice weekly, Monday and Wednesday, at 7 p. m.

Fulmer has had a wide experience as an operating engineer and is well qualified as an instructor. A large number of local engineers have already agreed to attend the classes.

Labor Post 1917 Forms Auxiliary

Union Labor Post No. 1917, Veterans of Foreign Wars, formed the first union labor war veterans' auxiliary in the nation last Friday evening when 15 women signed the roll and applied for a charter.

The newly formed organization will hold its meetings in the Veterans' Memorial building; dates to be announced later.

Engineers to Meet In City of Fresno

Representatives of every engineers' union in the state of California will meet in special session in the city of Fresno, Sunday. The meeting will convene at 9 a. m.

The purpose of the meeting, union engineers say, is to protest the wage scales on the Central Valley water project, which are far below the prevailing scales in California.

Engineers' Union No. 59 will be represented by F. A. Lawrence, V. S. Swanson, C. R. Hale. T. J. Roberts will represent Engineers' Union No. 507.

Contractors and Unions Reach an Understanding

The recent difficulty between the engineers, teamsters and steam shovel men and the Hanrahan and Wilcox corporation was settled to the satisfaction of the three unions, F. A. Lawrence of Engineers' Union No. 59 announced today.

Union men will be supplied on all jobs now under construction by the Hanrahan and Wilcox corporation.

Loan Sharks Victimize New York WPA Workers

Detectives acting under orders of Deputy Assistant District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, who is probing racketeering in the nation's metropolis, arrested three men charged with leading sums of money ranging from $5 to $75 to WPA workers at rates running from 50 to 1,000 per cent.

One of the complaining WPA employes said that when he failed to make a payment on time he was beaten so badly that he was disqualified for work for more than a week.

Guild Fighting Return of Long Work Week Here

Hearst's recent aribtrary return of the six-day week in the editorial departments of his two San Francisco newspapers, the Examiner and Call-Bulletin, has spurred the Northern California Branch of the American Newspaper Guild to renewed efforts to discuss the matter with the publishers.

All requests for negotiations have been ignored by the publishers, who adopted the new policy without explanation or increase of pay. The Guild, however, is continuing to press for collective bargaining meetings, believing that the new policy presages another wage slash. The editorial workers on these two papers have had three 10 per cent reductions since the depression began, with no restoration.

This reversion to the pre-NRA work schedule nullifies the campaign conducted by the guild last December to win the five-day week on the Examiner and retain it on the Call-Bulletin. At that time, more than twenty bay region labor unions protested the long week to the publishers and both papers resumed the five-day week.

S. F. Checking On Chinese "Sweat Shop" Conditions

This week, labor officials and representatives of the labor department of the state of California were checking the "sweatshop" and "unsanitary" conditions imposed on workers employed by chinese of San Francisco, in the manufacturing of clothing and wearing apparel.

Conditions imposed on the workers, reports say, are very unsatisfactory and dangerous to the health of hundreds of San Francisco workers.

Men, women and children, the reports say, are working in lofts, basements, attics, garages and other places without proper ventilation and sanitary conditions. More than 1,600 machines have been installed in these places employing the cheapest kind of labor, the Journal was informed.

Four Lose Their Lives In Lace Factory Blast

Four workers were killed and one seriously burned in an explosion which wrecked the Vittori lace and embroidery factory in North Bergen, N. J. Mr. Vittori, the owner of the factory; his wife, his eldest daughter, and another employe met death instantly. Another daughter of the owner suffered third degree burns.

The factory was a two-and-a-half story building which housed the looms for making lace and embroidery and provided living quarters for the Vittoris. The first explosion wrecked the interior of the building and the second blew off the roof. The blast was so severe that a letter carrier making his rounds a block away was blown from his feet.

The tragedy was attributed to lack of adequate legislation to protect the workers from the hazards connected with the use of dangerous explosives in manufacturing. Fire authorities said the Vittoris used as a base for their embroidery a compound composed in part of nitro-glycerine. The fabric, they added, is so explosive that it ignites with a detonation if exposed to the sun.

Explosions of the compound have destroyed other embroidery plants in this area during the past ten years and endangered many lives. Its use has been discouraged by fire department officials, but the lack of state regulation to protect the workers results in many employers imposing the risk of injury and death on their employes rather than using available substitutes for nitro-glycerine because of the added expense involved.

Senator Holt Hits Liberty Leaguers

Says Constitution Must Protect the Masses Instead of Being Turned Into an Instrument for Their Oppression by Industrial and Political Tories.

The money collection of anti-labor political, industrial, legal, financial and economic subversives known as the American Liberty League is waging a united attack on every law enacted by the congress of the United States during the last three years in the interest of a larger degree of economic rights and social justice for the masses of the American people.

The real significance of this combination of subversive interests was pointedly set forth by Senator Rush D. Holt of West Virginia in an address before the 1935 convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The convention adopted a resolution describing the lawyers' committee of the league which gave an opinion holding the national labor relations board unconstitutional as a group consisting of "corporation lawyers who have repeatedly sought to nullify measures which do not meet with the approval of their clients," and declared that "their opinion is therefore the expression of their clients' opposition to the measure and not the unbiased opinion of lawyers interested in a consideration of the actual constitutional validity of the act."

Here is what Senator Holt told the convention regarding the reactionary and anti-labor elements of which the league is composed:

"I noticed the other day that 58 lawyers had decided that the labor bills recently passed by the last session of congress were unconstitutional. You know what Thomas Jefferson said about the lawyers. He said this country was settled by laborers, not by lawyers. Anyway, whenever you get 58 lawyers to agree on anything you had better be careful of them.

Unconstitutional to Feed the People

"These great constitutional lawyers are the same people who said it was unconstitutional to feed people, to keep them from starving to death in this country. My friends, they have forgotten the constitution for 40 years, and now they are awakening because they say we must go back to the constitution.

"I say the interpretation of the American constitution should be such that the American people can live, and that is what the American constitution was framed for by the founders of this country.

"These constitutionalists, these Liberty Leaguers, we are not afraid of them because we know they are on the way out, and they are on the way out fast. But, my friends, they are making quite a little bit of noise.

Collective Bargaining Upheld

"A whole lot of these jurists have been mentally dead for 20 years and do not know it. They may be alive and still walking and still

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Trades Mechanics Continue Boycott Of "Unfair" Homes

Building trades pickets continued the boycott of the non-union built Stanley Davis homes in San Leandro last Sunday when approximately 36 members of the various unions picketed in the immediate vicinity of the homes, displaying "unfair" and "We Don't Patronize" signs.

Hundreds of prospective purchasers were turned away because of the non-union attitude of the contractor, Mr. Davis. Friends of the union building trades mechanics have notified the Building Trades Council of their refusal to buy a home in the Davis tract because of the low wages paid the mechanics and the "unfairness of the contractor" in the construction of his homes.

Union labor war veterans are cooperating with the following crafts in making the boycott effective:

Roofers, floorlayers, plumbers and steamfitters, plasterers, lathers, cement finishers, laborers, electrical workers, engineers, painters, sign painters, millmen and sheet metal workers.

Another group of union pickets will be on the job again next Sunday under the supervision of W. W. Paterson, representing the Building Trades Council.

Cleaning Plant Still Non-Union

Cleaners, dyers and pressers' union here report the General Cleaners, corner Shattuck and University avenue, Berkeley, as still non-union.

According to officials of the union, Mr. Norris, owner and manager of the General cleaners, is sub-letting his work to a japanese firm, the Moss cleaners and dyers of Oakland.

Mr. Norris has been interviewed on several occasions and requested to withdraw his support from the Moss cleaners but to date has refused to do so. Owners of the Moss cleaners are japanese "from the old school"—not American citizens, we are informed. Mr. Norris is a well known member of the American Legion but somehow does not believe in American conditions and American standards as evidenced by his support of the japanese Moss cleaners.

Union men, union women and friends are asked to continue to refrain from patronizing the General cleaners and other cleaning and dyeing establishments as listed in this newspaper.

Sinclair Quits EPIC

According to the Washington News, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, Upton Sinclair has abandoned politics and is concentrating on a new book.

The Union Label Department Thanks Labor Press

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the executive board of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor:

Whereas, the weekly labor papers and the monthly labor journals have generously given space to display editorials, short paragraphs, cartoons and facsimilies of union labels, shop cards and buttons, thus promoting union-made goods and union services, and

Whereas, the American Federation of Labor's Weekly News service and the International Labor News service have gratuitously carried the message of the union label, shop card and button, therefore be it

Resolved, that the executive board of the Union Label Trades department of the Americna Federation of Labor hereby expresses its deep appreciation of the hearty support and loyal cooperation of these labor news services and the labor press.

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ONE-HOUSE LEGISLATIVE BODIES

Ever since governments among human beings began to try to practice democracy in which the actual will of the majority of the people was conceded to be the most practical method of determining every vital issue that might arise the remnants, who have continued to believe in rule by minorities, have resorted to every artifice and strategy to perpetuate domination of government by minorities and to thwart at every turn every major effort made by the majority of the people to assert their will.

One of the artificial instruments used ever since democracy began to assert itself has been the two-house idea of a lawmaking body. When the constitution of the United States was adopted that European idea of a lawmaking body was incorporated in our national constitution and practically every state legislature was patterned on that idea under which a lower house was elected each election, usually every two years and a senate of fewer members being elected for four or six years.

When this system was devised for the legislative body of our national government it was provided that instead of the people electing senators the legislatures of each state should elect their respective two members of the U. S. Senate. Popular demand for election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people has changed this but the system of allowing a state like New York with nearly ten million people the same number of senators as Nevada with less than one hundred thousand population still persists and no law can pass congress unless a majority of the U. S. senate concur with the lower house in the adoption of proposed legislation.

Such a plan of representation creates a dual lawmaking body in which the senators from the states with small populations can dominate and override the wishes of the more largely populated states, so that U. S. senators elected by one-fourth of the population or less hold the whip hand over the other half of the U. S. senate which was elected by three-fourths or more of the total population of our entire country.

In addition to the above undemocratic plan in vogue for the election of United States senators the fact that they are elected for six years while representatives in congress are elected for only two years has a tendency to make them less responsive to the popular will. This is one of the ends desired most of all by the believers in minority rule.

To overcome this illogical and undemocratic structure of our lawmaking body a one-house congress should be made the law of our land. Voluminous arguments about checks and balances to prevent hasty action, and the like, is very much out of order, if we are to have a democracy. People have been fed up on this kind of nonsense, while the country, as a whole, has frequently waited an entire generation to secure legislation definitely desired by the majority of the people but they were unable to overcome the artificial barriers of our two-house congress.

The way out is either to abolish the U. S. senate entirely and place all the functions of that body in charge of the house of representatives, or to merge all the present senators into the other house making them representatives at large from their respective states, but with the same right and power to vote as every other representative in congress.

It is high time the American people began to insist that this upper house in our national lawmaking body be eliminated in order to make congress more responsive to the will of the American people. This idea of an upper house is merely a remnant of the conception of a House of Lords in England and similar upper houses in other countries in Europe. The only purpose they can and do serve is to obstruct and thwart the will of the majority of the people and that is contrary to the very foundation on which this government was founded, which was that it should be a "government of the people by the people, and for the people."

Let us take our democracy more seriously than we have done thus far. Let us demand that the people be given a fuller measure of expression of the will of the majority. Let us remove such artificial barriers as upper houses not only in our national congress, but in every state legislature in the United States. By doing this it would become simpler to practice the democracy we pride ourselves on being.

A one-house lawmaking body is one of the next steps which should be taken. The sooner this is done the better. It will pave the way for making more rapid headway on realizing legislation badly needed today.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL AT ALL TIMES

No Takers For Hill's $100 Offer

Solon Gambles $100 That Killing of Laws Is Unconstitutional.

Does the constitution give the supreme court the right to nullify acts of congress?

Congressman Knute Hill, progressive democrat from the state of Washington, says "No," and offers $100 to any member of congress who can find anything in the constitution to sustain the court's usurpations.

"For fifteen years I taught history, civics and political science in the public schools of the state of Washington," Hill told the house. "At the beginning of each school I made a standing offer of $5 to each and every student who could find in the constitution the expressed power to declare acts of congress unconstitutional.

"They read the constitution diligently—which was a desired result—but never a one came to claim the $5. I now make the same offer to each and every member of congress, with the added incentive of increasing the amount to $100."

Mr. Hill pointed out that "no other important civilized country permits its courts to usurp legislative functions."

Ol' man depression will hand around just so long as consumers buy foreign-made and unfair goods.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends.

Bakeries

O. K. Bakery, 5114 E. 10th Street
Luzitania, 10415 E. 14th Street
Nieto Bakery, 1036 D. St., Hayward
Cottage, 939 B Street, Hayward
New Athens, 1651 Seventh Street
Foster's White Lunches
Verzie's Home Bakery, Hayward
Dad's Cookie Co., 414 23rd Ave.

Boot and Shoe Repair Shops

Sears-Roebuck Shoe Repairing Dept.
Gray's Shoe Repairing Shop, 1606 San Pablo Avenue
Zinke's Shoe Repairing Shops

Cleaning and Dyeing Establishments

Mission Cleaners, 3822 Manila St.
Drake Cleaners
Duplex Cleaners
Campanille Cleaners
Club Cleaners
White Front Cleaners

Printing and Newspaper Plants

E. A. Hudson Printing Co., 841 Market Street.
Piedmont Press, 3953 Piedmont
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th
McKee,Abbott, Hall-White Printing Co., 2041 Livingston Street

Theaters

Lincoln Theater, 1620 7th Street
Moulin Rouge Theater, 485 8th St.
Royal Theater, 9717 E. 14th St.

Meats, Ham and Bacon

Storms, 3110 Seminary Ave.
Storms, 8600 Blanche St.
Storms, 645 Bancroft, San Lean.
Corby's Meat Market, 2115 University Avenue, Berkeley
Ruebling Meat Market, 3803 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville
Kessler's, 6th Street Market
Kessel Bros., 6th Street Market
All Oriental Markets

Restaurants and Cafeterias

Caliente Cafe, 1338 E. 12th St.
Hanson's Coffee Shop, 5725 E. 14th St.
Yale Coffee Shop, 17th and Telegraph
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Silicosis Victims Betrayed By Their Lawyers, Is Charge

James W. Mason, formerly an attorney of Charleston, W. Va., told the house labor committee investigating the working conditions in the Hawk's Nest power tunnel in southern West Virginia that E. J. Perkins, a superintendent of Rinehart & Dennis, the contractors who built the tunnel, paid a law firm in Fayetteville, West Virginia, which was handling claims against the company filed by silicosis victims $20,000 to help settle the claims in the interest of the contractors. At the same time the law firm took fees from the victims as their counsel.

Mr. Mason said he represented 96 silicosis cases in two trials at Fayetteville, both of which resulted in a hung jury. One of the jurymen was penalized for contempt of court, the charge being that he had fraternized with company officials during the trial. He declared that "suspicious tampering with the juries" and the payment of $20,000 to the law firm "was the most damnable outrage ever perpetrated in any state."

Mr. Mason's denunciation was emphasized by Representative Marcantonio of New York, the author of the resolution under which the tunnel silicosis tragedy is being probed. He said the deal between the company official and the lawyers representing the workers was the "most damnable racket I know of."

In response to questioning by Representative Dunn of Pennsylvania, a member of the committee, Mr. Mason expressed the opinion that if the company had used respirators and wet drills to protect tunnel workers from breathing silica dust, the workmen would not have contracted the disease. Mr. Dunn characterized the alleged refusal of the company to have these precautions used as "nothing but wholesale murder."

U. S. Still Growing

The population of the United States was officially estimated by the census bureau recently at 127,521,000, a gain of 4 per cent since 1930, when the last census was taken.

Wants Job Census

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holding their place upon the bench in America, but the head up here has been dead long before the economic theory of the past was dead.

"But today I say it has been changed, and we are not fearful that we are trying to cause reaction. You know these tories, these mossbacks are dead, the American people are awake, and they are awake to the principle of the American laboring man having a right to bargain collectively and go down the line for collective bargaining.

"I have always believed in collective bargaining, because I have seen these so-called Liberty Leaguers meet at the hotels and determine their course of action. That is within the constitution, but when the people who toil in America get together and band themselves for the common good, then the constitution is in danger in this country.

Labor and the Constitution

"I am not afraid of the American constitution in the hands of the American Federation of Labor and the laboring men of this country. They think more of the constitution than the Liberty League ever thought of it. They think about the people, and the American people are not afraid of the American labor movement and the destruction of the constitution.

"Oh, yes, let us go back to the good old days in West Virginia when men who believed in collective bargaining were met by Baldwin-Fels thugs and beaten over the head and told to go back and mind their own business.

"Whenever a man came in to organize the labor movement in our state in certain sections, he was met at the train and asked what his business was, and if they thought his business was at all dangerous they said, "The next train is leaving in a few minutes,' and if he did not leave on the next train he was on the way out by some other means and some other method. Maybe that is going back to the constitution that they talk about.

"Liberty to Starve to Death"

"They say we have taken the liberty away from the people. What liberty have the American people lost in recent years since the forward movement of organized labor has come?

"The liberty they have lost and that the Liberty League wants you to get back is the liberty to starve to death. But we are not going backwards; we are going forward toward a better and a bigger day for organized labor, and for all the crafts and all the unions.

"I have dealt with them and I have to say that in four years in the legislature of West Virginia and in my short time in the United States senate, I have never had an unfair demand or an unfair move made by those who sponsored your movement in Washington and in Charleston, W. Va. But I have been asked, and I have seen these so-called lobbyists for the industrialists manipulated.

Congressional Puppet Period Is Ended

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Brother Webb, an old timer in the union, is in the San Francisco hospital. Latest reports say that he is improving rapidly. Olie Olsen is at home and improving. Brother McNelly is convalescing at 576 Valla Vista street. Jack Rush and Ed Pearson are confined to their homes. Sick committee asked to take note and visit the sick members.

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Pickets are requested to be at the labor temple next Sunday at 11 a. m. to picket the non-union homes of Stanley Davis in San Leandro.

Court Asked To Nullify Ban On Prison Products

The 'constitutionality of the Hawes-Cooper act, permitting states to regulate or prohibit the sale of prison-made goods, was challenged before the supreme court this week.

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Central Labor Council Minutes

Oakland, Calif., February 17, 1936.

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County was called to order on the above date at 8:00 p. m., by President William P. Fee. Delegates were noted as present.

Credentials—

Credentials were received and accepted.

Communications—

From the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216, requesting that the following firms be listed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list: Benner & Nawman, 3421 Hollis street and the Triangle Sheet Metal Works, 6007 Adeline street. Referred to the executive committee.

From the United States Department of Labor, acknowledging communication from council asking an investigation of the efforts of shipowners campaign to destroy the maritime unions. Filed for reference.

From the Electrical Workers' Union, Local 595, requesting that a certain firm be listed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list. Referred to the executive committee.

From the Brotherhood of Teamsters' Union, Local No. 70, requesting that the Hayward Bottling company, 1164B street, Haywards, be placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list. Referred to the executive committee.

From Congressman Albert E. Carter, acknowledging communication regarding congressional investigation of the conditions on the San Francisco waterfront. Filed.

From Delegate Charles J. Wagner, tendering his sincere regrets for his inability to speak before the council last Monday evening. He advised that illness had confined him to his home. Filed.

From the Union of Professional Workers of the east bay, requesting that the council recommend to the WPA administration the endorsement of certain projects. Request complied with.

Bills—

Bills were referred to the trustees for audit and paid on their recommendation.

Reports of Committees—

The report of the executive committee was then presented and adopted as amended.

The following committees then submitted their reports which were adopted: silicosis and dust hazards, Livermore veterans hospital christmas committee and the Mooney conference committee. A report was made at this time as to the progress being made in securing proper amendments to the Disaster plan resolution of the City of Oakland.

Approval of Minutes—

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Unfinished Business—

No unfinished business.

New Business—

At this time the vice president of the council announced his appointment of the committee to consider WPA abuses.

Good of the Council—

Machinists' union reported in detail regarding the present strike now in progress in the local shipyards.

Motion was then made that the Central Labor Council go on record condemning the Oakland Police department for their actions in escorting non-union men to and from work at the local shipyards where strike conditions prevail. The motion was adopted.

Reports of Unions—

Theatrical janitors reported that the Kaliska circuit of theaters has adjusted their differences with the union.

Barbers requested the support of organized labor in withdrawing patronage from the Varsity Barber shop, 2305 Telegraph avenue, Berkeley.

Cleaners, dyers & pressers union requested the co-operation of labor and their friends in refusing to patronize any plant that does not display the union card of their union. They also requested that the wives of union members be urged to co-operate in the campaign now being waged by the union.

Grocery clerks' union reported that they have signed an agreement with Villa's grocery at Albany and asked the delegates living in that district to patronize the union establishment mentioned.

Laundry wagon drivers reported progress and thanked the delegates for their co-operation.

Laundry workers union reported excellent progress and advised that certain laundry owners had been recently convicted in the local police court for working their women employes over eight hours per day.

Molders' union reported their desire to co-operate with organized labor whenever called upon to do so.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer—

For the week ending, February 17, 1936. Adopted.

Adjournment—

There being no further business appearing the council then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. A. SPOONER, Secretary.

A Thrifty Ambassador

The ability of some of the persons in the foreign service of the United States to capitalize their experiences abroad for private profit is revealed by the payments which Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., made to James W. Gerard, former ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany.

Upon his return to America Mr. Gerard wrote a book, entitled "My Four Years in Germany." Warner Brothers paid him $50,000 for the right to film his book and $100,000 additional as his share of the profits made from the picture. According to the testimony in the suit revealing these facts it cost Warner Brothers $50,400 to film the book. It was claimed the firm made $130,000 from the movie.

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in congress were puppets and they danced and sang and talked just like they were real, just like they were human beings, but back behind the scenes we saw someone pulling the strings and we saw those behind the screen making the puppets in the national legislative body sing, dance and talk.

"That day has also gone, and in the place of this puppet business we have substituted the idea of being courageous.

"I admire a man who is courageous enough to fight for what he believes. If he can't fight with me I want him to fight against me.

"These politicians wait to see what is happening before they decide which side of the fence to go on.

"I have taken my side—I have taken it with labor, and I intend to go down the line with it.

"If I must go down to defeat I will go down because I believe in the idea that the men who toil in this country should be represented in the national legislative bodies of our country.

"We talk about labor and dangers of labor.

"We have tried the 'old dealers,' the mossbacks, the tories, the coupon clippers, and they gave us fifteen million unemployed, thousands of closed banks, hundreds of destroyed merchants, and the worst depression this country has ever had, and we are not going back, we are going forward toward a better day.

"If I live my span of life, which means 40 years more, I will continue to battle for the men who toil in the mills, mines and factories of this country."

D. C. Truck Teamsters Stike For Higher Pay

Local No.639 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, including all truck drivers except those operating light delivery trucks, walked out in Washington, D. C., in a demand for higher wages. The strike partially paralyzed building operations, including a number of government construction projects, and congested unloaded freight at railroad sidings.

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Housing Plan Urged By Building Trades and Housing Conference

Federal Subsidies Held Necessary to Develop Program—Regional Housing Committee Recommended.

Representatives of nearly one million organized building trades workers joined with the labor housing conference in Washington, D. C., in a collaboration of a national housing policy to remedy the housing crisis resulting from the fact that the nation has not even attained one-fifth of the average level of residential production which characterized the 1920's.

In addition to providing much-needed houses for the masses it was pointed out that the plan would create employment for the building trades, about two-thirds of whose members have been jobless since 1932.

The program adopted would include the establishment of a permanent federal housing agency, a system of federal subsidies and federal labor standards on all projects.

Officers of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of the building trades unions and the labor housing conference represented by Miss Catherine Bauer planned the establishment of 60 labor housing committees affiliated with the labor housing conference and other trade unions throughout the country.

Federal Subsidies Necessary

The statement of the union spokesmen said that in carrying out the broad housing program "there must be a clear cut system of federal subsidies," adding: "In general, families with incomes under $1,200 to $1,500 cannot be housed without some form of outright grant or subsidy. The only agency which can supply such grants today is the federal government."

The union representatives were also emphatic in adequate preservation of labor standards in the housing plan. On this subject they said:

"In return for financial aid the federal government must exact adequate standards in all publicly assisted housing projects. One of these basic standards is that prevailing wages must be paid all workers on housing projects. Another is that every project must meet certain definite standards of physical space and equipment and neighborhood planning and facilities. Rent levels and management must also be controlled by the housing agency."

Labor Representatives Sign

Those signing the statement, besides Miss Bauer, included J. W. Williams and M. J. McDonough, William C. O'Neill and Herbert Rivers of the A. F. of L. building trades department; Henry Blumberg of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; Dan Collins of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union; John Coin of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Also William Gallagher of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; Michael F. Garrett of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters; John W. Garvey of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union; Dan Gayton of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers; William McCarthy of the Tile Setters' Helpers; James Miles of the Operative Plasterers and Cement Finishers' International Association.

Shell Oil Renews Pact With Unions

An agreement between 13 A. F. of L. international organizations and the Shell Petroleum corporation of St. Louis, one of the nation's largest oil companies, has just been extended to May 1, 1937.

Extension of this pact is regarded in management and labor circles as highly significant, in view of the fact that one year ago the Shell corporation entered into relations with the A. F. of L. unions for the first time in its history. Now, after a test of 12 months, the agreement is renewed.

J. N. Davis, assistant international president of the boilermakers, was chairman of the committee that negotiated the renewal.

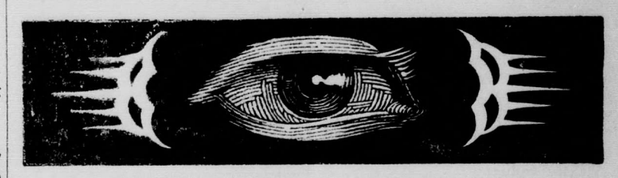
Organizations Represented

Other organizations represented are the bricklayers, painters, railway carmen, asbestos workers, machinists, blacksmiths, teamsters and chauffeurs, building and common laborers, sheet metal workers, plumbers and steamfitters, and the carpenters.

Next month the management and representatives of the international unions and the various shop committees will meet "for the purpose of reviewing the agreement so as to bring about its proper application and better understanding between the committees and the local management," Davis said.

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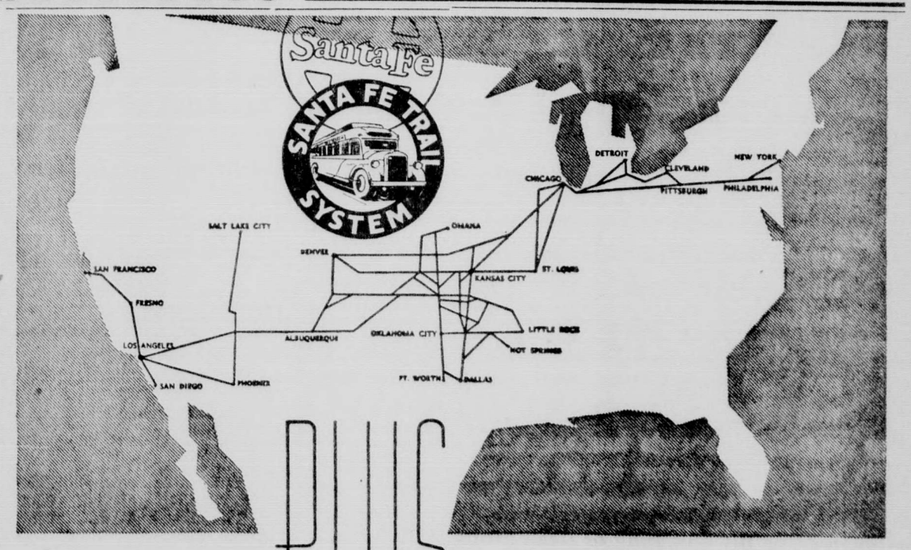
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There was some improvement in December, Green said, but he insisted it was of small significance compared with the magnitude of the question to be settled.

Girls Are Exploited by Montreal Employers

About 1,000 girls, averaging 5 to 10 cents an hour, are working in Montreal homes, producing ladies' dress embroideries, some of them actually paying for the privilege, according to Alderman Joseph Schubert, chairman of the joint committee administering the collective labor agreement in the clothing industry.

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Auxiliary Notes

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The meeting of February 14 was well attended and was very interesting, as several subjects of importance were discussed. A valentine party held in the banquet hall was a source of amusement and the refreshments were delicious.

The Past Presidents' Club met at the home of Sister Marie Dixon. The books of tickets are ready to be distributed for sale on the cedar chest. Donations for this chest should be made to Sister Van Cott, who is in charge. The funds raised by this chest will go to send delegates to the forthcoming convention. The help of each member is urgently requested to make this a success.

Officers Take Notice

A meeting of officers will be held at the home of President Tessie O'Leary, Wednesday, March 4, at 8 p. m.

The social committee met at the home of Sister Mettler Tuesday evening, February 18. Plans were completed for the whist to be held February 29 at Sister O'Leary's home, 640 Sixtieth street.

We trust that Sisters Nellie Davis and Barbara Clark have recovered from their resent illness.

Sister O'Leary thanks all the members who sent cards and flowers while she was confined to the house from the accident she had recently.

Congratulations to Sister Bull on the birth of a son February 12.

INEZ THORBURN, Press Cor.

If labor unionists should consistently demand the union label, manufacturers would eventually have to demand that their workers unionize.

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Government Requests Facts on History of Labor Unions

Historical Records Survey Is Making Thorough Survey of Workers' Organized Efforts to Improve Social Conditions.

The historical records survey, associated with the federal writers' projects of the works progress administration, is conducting an inventory of all state and local collections of historical material, including government records, newspapers, pamphlets and manuscrips.

"The scattered nature of information about American labor history, especially in early times," declares an official statement, "is a matter of concern to investigators of the efforts of labor to improve social conditions," adding:

"Much interesting and significant material undoubtedly still lies in collections of old printed or manuscript sources which have never been seen even by careful researchers."

"The historical records survey," the statement continues, "would therefore be grateful to members and officials of unions for information concerning any collections which have or may come to their attention, in organization offices, public depositories or private hands; particularly, newspapers or magazines containing labor notices; pamphlets; union records and correspondence; writings of former labor leaders, including letters; and other sginificant material.

"Please send your communications to Dr. Luther H. Evans, historical records survey, 1560 Eye street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

"Your interest and cooperation in this work will be fully acknowledged and appreciated.

"The eventual result of the work is intended to be a master inventory of the state and local government documents and a guide to manuscripts."

Trousers Shortage

The low living standards imposed upon millions of American workers by prolonged unemployment and upon millions of employed workers by low wages and depleted purchasing power were pointedly emphasized recently in a lecture on underproduction by Dr. G. W. Allison, of the Edison electrical institute.

In discussing the clothing supply, he said: "Only one pair of trousers for every three men and one overcoat for every 11 men were manufactured in the United States last year."

Inasmuch as the members of the "leisure class," recently emphasized by John J. Morgan as being the safeguards of civilization, are usually blessed with a superfluity of clothing, it is quite evident that those below the leisure class are getting along with the vintage of previous years.

Importance of Buying Union Label Products

By JAMES A. DOWD
Secretary, Union Label Section,
Boston Central Labor Union

The demand for union-made products as symbolized by the union label, stamp or shop card is one of the ways that members of organized labor and their friends and sympathizers may assist effectively in promoting the work of organization.

This is a way that accomplishes results in the least expensive and most subtle form.

By the laws of business the merchant will supply the demands of the trade, and when members of organized labor insist in the demand that goods or service bear evidence that organized labor has been employed or will be employed, the effect is to create a demand for such labor.

If this demand could be once established in a widespread form it would be proportionately easier to get merchants and employers to see that union labor was employed and a greater variety of products would be available from which to make selections.

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Oh, Doctor!

"Why do they call it a dental parlor?"

"Parlor is another name for drawing-room."

100 Per Cent Correct

A teacher was telling her class little stories in natural history, and she asked if any could tell her what a groundhog was. Up went a little hand waving frantically.

"Well, Tommy, you may tell us what a groundhog is."

"Please, ma'am, it's a sausage."

Go, put your creed into your deed, nor speak with double tongue.
—Emerson.

Obviously

"Women always romance about their age," says a novelist. With men, of course, it's just a bald fact.

A Very Rare Steak

A cowpuncher ordered a steak at a restaurant. The waiter brought it in rare—very rare. The cowpuncher looked at it and demanded that it be returned to the kitchen and cooked.

"It is cooked," snapped the waiter.

"Cooked—nothing," replied the cowpuncher. "I've seen cows hurt worse than that and get well."

He who joy would win—must share it; happiness was born a twin.

—Kingsley.

So Indigestible!

A little girl was served with the wing of a chicken. After doing her best with it she asked: "Mother, can't I have another bite? This is nothing but hinges."

Sarcasm or Truth?

Then there was the mayor of a great city who, harried by the press to make a statement regarding the current crime wave, hemmed and hawed and finally trumpted to the delighted reporters:

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Trade Maintains Full Steam Ahead

Remarkable Recovery Will Continue, Says Spokesman For Business.

"Business has not only made remarkable recovery, but, what is more important, there is every indication that the improvement will continue," the "Magazine of Business" declared this week.

Some of the "cold facts" on which this optimism is based were featured in the news of the week.

The magazine "Steel" reported that the first nine steel companies reporting their 1935 earnings showed a net profit of over $32,000,000. In 1934 the same companies piled up a deficit of more than $14,000,000.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., mail order house, reported the largest sales in six years, with a gain of 23 per cent over 1934.

Best Year in History

The Commercial Investment Trust corporation of New York closed the year with a record volume of business. In profits, too, the company had a banner year, with a net of $15,876,000, compared with $11,643,000 in 1934.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company ran its assets up to $4,234,802,000, an increase of $203,469360. Life insurance in force, it said, reached an all-time record high.

The situation of the Mutual Life Insurance company is equally satisfactory, President David F. Houston reported.

The du Ponts increased their earnings from $3.60 a share in 1934 to $5.04.

The American Woolen company showed a net profit of $2,740,000, compared with a loss of $5,458,000 the preceding year.

Deere & Co., farm implement manufacturers, last year cleaned up $6,105,000, an increase of 2,000 per cent.

The Chrysler corporation has done so well by itself that it declared a $2,300,000 bonus to officers and employes.

Sees Rails Ruling Highway Transport

The county will wake up some fine morning to discover that coordination of transportation facilities means concentration under railroad ownership, the National Wool Growers' association was told recently by John Springer, representative of the National Highway Users' conference.

Truck lines are being consolidated preliminary to "falling into the hands of the steam carriers," Springer asserted, and added:

"Then let the shippers beware."

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Ritter is accused of all kinds of irregularities, including granting a former law partner a $75,000 fee and accepting in return loans, or gifts, totaling $4,500.

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